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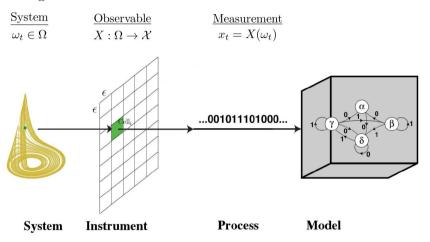
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#### NONLINEAR MODELING AND SYMBOLIC PROCESSES

How does chaos generate randomness?



Systematic and rigorous method for converting a continuous dynamical system into a fully-discrete, i.e. *symbolic*, stochastic process.

#### NONLINEAR MODELING AND SYMBOLIC PROCESSES

 $Symbolic\ processes\ are\ the\ objects\ traditionally\ modeled\ by\ computational\ mechanics,$ 

Studied through  $\epsilon$ -machines

Unique minimal sufficient statistic of past for predicting the future, generated by *causal equivalence relation*:

$$past_i \sim_{\epsilon} past_j \iff Pr(Future|past_i) = Pr(Future|past_j)$$

- optimal prediction
- ▶ (causal) structure, organization
- ▶ directly calculate entropy rate
- process memory and complexity

#### Nonlinear Modeling and Symbolic Processes

When does nonlinear modeling work? – generating partitions

discrete-time dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Phi : \Omega \to \Omega)$  – e.g. Poincare Map

$$\omega_{n+1} = \Phi(\omega_n)$$

partition phase space with measurement function  $G_{\mathbb{P}}: \Omega \to \mathcal{A}$ 

$$\mathbb{P}_i \cap \mathbb{P}_j = \emptyset$$
 and  $\bigcup_{i=0}^N \mathbb{P}_i = \Omega$ , and each partition carries unique symbol  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ 

$$\{\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots\}$$
 becomes  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots\} = \{G_{\mathbb{P}}(\omega_0), G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi(\omega_0)), G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi^2(\omega_0)), \ldots\}.$ 

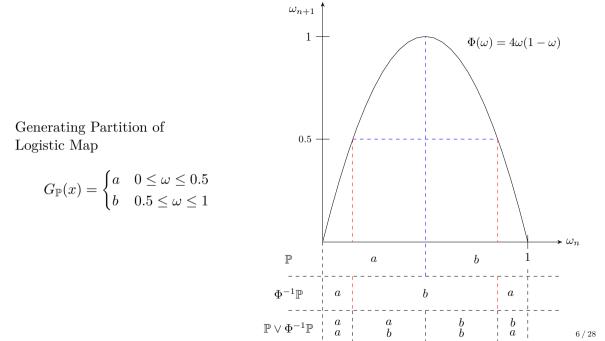
### NONLINEAR MODELING AND SYMBOLIC PROCESSES

 $G_{\mathbb{P}} \circ \Phi$  induces partition  $\Phi^{-1}\mathbb{P}$  over  $\Omega$ ;  $(\Phi^{-1}\mathbb{P})_i$  is set of all  $\omega \in \Omega$  s.t.  $G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi(\omega)) \in \mathbb{P}_i$  each time step induces new  $\Phi^{-n}\mathbb{P}$  whose elements are  $\omega \in \Omega$  s.t.  $G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi^n(\omega)) \in \mathbb{P}_i$  partition refinement  $\mathbb{P} \vee \mathbb{Q} = \{\mathbb{P}_i \cap \mathbb{Q}_j : \mathbb{P}_i \in \mathbb{P} \text{ and } \mathbb{Q}_i \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  also a partition first *dynamical refinement* of  $\mathbb{P}$  under  $\Phi$  is  $\mathbb{P} \vee \Phi^{-1}\mathbb{P}$ , maps point  $\omega \in \Omega$  to two-symbols  $a_0a_1 \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$ 

the full dynamical refinement of  $\mathbb{P}$  under  $\Phi$  is  $\mathbb{P} \vee \Phi^{-1} \mathbb{P} \vee \Phi^{-2} \mathbb{P} \vee \Phi^{-3} \mathbb{P} \cdots$ , maps point  $\omega \in \Omega$  to infinite-length symbol sequence  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \times \cdots$ 

a generating partition is a partition  $\mathbb{P}$  s.t. the full dynamical refinement is a.e. one-to-one between points  $\omega \in \Omega$  and infinite-length symbol sequences—volume of partition elements goes to 0 for full dynamical refinement

A.N. Kolmogorov, Russian Academy of Sciences (1959), Y.G. Sinai Russian Academy of Sciences (1959)



## KOLMOGOROV-SINAI ENTROPY: RANDOMNESS FROM CHAOS

entropy of partition (in terms of invariant distribution over partition elements)

$$H(\mathbb{P}) = -\sum_{i} \Pr(\mathbb{P}_i) \log \Pr(\mathbb{P}_i)$$

entropy rate

$$h_{\nu}(\Phi, \mathbb{P}) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N} H\left(\bigvee_{n=0}^{N} \Phi^{-n} \mathbb{P}\right)$$

Kolmogorov-Sinai (metric) entropy

$$h_{\nu}(\Phi) = \sup_{\mathbb{D}} h_{\nu}(\Phi, \mathbb{P})$$

achieved for generating partitions—provides variational principle for approximation (asymptotic distribution over  $\mathbb{P}_i$  limits to invariant density  $f^*$  of  $\Phi$  for generating  $\mathbb{P}$ )

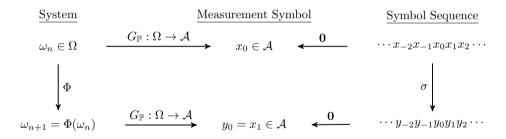
Pesin's theorem: relation to positive Lyapunov exponents

$$h_{\nu}(\Phi) \leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i$$

#### NONLINEAR MODELING AND SYMBOLIC PROCESSES

Symbolic process is a *shift dynamical system*  $(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \sigma)$  under *shift operator* 

for two symbol sequence  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $y = \sigma(x) \iff y_i = x_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , i.e.  $\sigma$  advances observation time index forward



Converted nonlinear dynamical system into (symbolic) measurement process governed by \*linear\*. infinite-dimensional operator  $\sigma$  that advances observation time

D. Lind and B. Marcus (1995) Cambridge University Press

## Systems, Data, and Models

#### Advantages of nonlinear modeling:

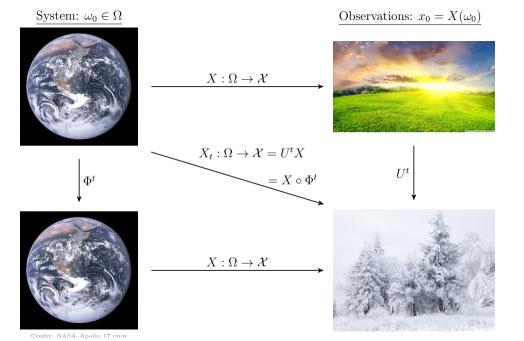
- symbolic processes allow for discrete information and computation theory
- ▶ clean and rigorous framework for information storage, generation, and processing
- $\triangleright$  interpretability of system structure and organization through  $\epsilon$ -machines

#### Challenges:

- even for idealized systems, generating partitions hard to find (e.g. Henon map)
- ▶ for a given physical system, don't have full control of system measurements
- scalability of inference and interpretability for large alphabets

#### generalize to continuum setting using Koopman and Perron-Frobenius Operators

A. Lasota and M. C. Mackey (2013). Chaos, Fractals, and Noise: Stochastic Aspects of Dynamics. Springer



#### Systems and Data

The "true" physical system described by dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$ :

- ▶ phase space Ω is complete metric space (typically  $\mathbb{R}^d$  or d-dimensional manifold)
- ▶  $\Sigma_{\Omega}$  a σ-algebra (Borel sets)
- $\triangleright$   $\nu$  a reference measure (Borel or Lebesgue)—phase space volume
- ▶  $\Phi$  the generator of (semi)group of measurable flow maps  $\{\Phi^t : \Omega \to \Omega\}$

$$\Phi = \lim_{\tau \to 0} \frac{1}{\tau} (\Phi^t(\omega) - \Phi^{t+\tau}(\omega))$$

- orbits  $\{\omega(t): t \in \mathbb{R}_{(>0)}\}$  continuous in time
- ▶ discrete intervals are bounded  $||\Phi^{t+\delta}(\omega_0) \Phi^t(\omega_0)|| < \epsilon$

#### Systems and Data

The "observed" or "measured" system is measurable space  $(\mathcal{X}, \Sigma_{\mathcal{X}})$ 

Observable  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  generated by the dynamical system under the measurable mapping  $X: \Omega \to \mathcal{X}$  so that  $x_t = X(\omega_t)$ 

Generally interested in partially-observable systems, for which X is not invertible: knowledge of x insufficient for determining state  $\omega$  of the true system  $\implies$  there are "unobservable" or "immeasureable" degrees of freedom in  $\omega$ 

Will later consider a second set of observables  $(\mathcal{Y}, \Sigma_{\mathcal{Y}})$  that are also given as a (generally non-invertible) measurable map  $Y : \Omega \to \mathcal{Y}$  s.t.  $y_t = Y(\omega_t)$ .

X (and Y) represent "windows" through which we can view true physical system, but can never have a full view with  $\mathcal{X} = \Omega$ 

Asymptotic behavior of  $\omega$  may be reconstructable from x: delay-coordinate embedding

N. H. Packard, J. P. Crutchfield, J. D. Farmer, and R. S. Shaw (1980)

F. Takens (1981)

#### KOOPMAN OPERATORS

system "observable"  $f:\Omega\to\mathbb{C},$  element of a function space (typically  $L^\infty(\Omega,\nu)$  or  $L^2(\Omega,\nu)$ )

Koopman operators  $\{U^t: \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}\}$  evolve observables through composition with  $\Phi^t$ 

$$U^{t}f = f \circ \Phi^{t}$$
$$f_{t}(\omega) \equiv f(\Phi^{t}(\omega)) = U^{t}f(\omega)$$

linear, infinite-dimensional operators whose action on observable  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  gives the time shifted observable (function)  $f_t = U^t f$ 

Inherits (semi)group structure of  $\{\Phi^t\}$  s.t.  $U^t \circ U^{\Delta t} = U^{t+\Delta t}$  and generated by

$$Uf = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{1}{t} (U^t f - f)$$

X (and Y) vector-valued observables, i.e.  $X_i = f$ , evolved by product operator  $U^t$ 

#### Dynamical Processes

observables may be collected in a *time series*  $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{T-1}\}$ —a time-ordered sequences of "measurements" of x taken at uniform time intervals.

a dynamical process is bi-infinite time series of observables  $\{\ldots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots\}$ 

\* for non-invertible dynamics, index is "observation time"

in terms of Koopman operators:

$$x_t = X(\omega_t) = X(\Phi^t(\omega_0)) = X_t(\omega_0) = U^t X(\omega_0)$$

Goal of dynamical process modeling: infer or approximate action of U on observables X

$$\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\} = \{U^0 X(\omega_0), U^1 X(\omega_0), U^2 X(\omega_0), U^3 X(\omega_0)\}\$$

(finite) reconstructability: X in finite invariant subspace U s.t.  $U^tX \in \mathbf{U}$  for all t

S. L. Brunton, B. W. Brunton, J. L. Proctor, and J. N. Kutz (2016). PloS One

#### PERRON-FROBENIUS OPERATORS

Rather than evolve observables, Perron-Frobenius operators  $P^t: L^1(\Omega, \nu) \to L^1(\Omega, \nu)$  evolve densities  $f \in L^1(\Omega, \nu)$ :  $f \geq 0$  and ||f|| = 1.

$$f_t = P^t f$$

$$\int_S P^t f d\nu = \int_{\left(\Phi^t\right)^{-1}(S)} f d\nu \quad \text{for } S \in \Sigma_{\Omega}$$

May also consider  $P^t$  evolving  $L^2(\Omega, \nu)$  measures  $\mu$ :  $\mu_t = P^t \mu$  relation to densities through Radon-Nikodym:

$$\mu^f(S) = \int_S f d\nu \quad \text{and} \quad f = \frac{d\mu^f}{d\nu}$$

$$P^t:L^1\to L^1$$
 adjoint of  $U^t:L^\infty\to L^\infty$  and  $P^t:L^2\to L^2$  adjoint of  $U^t:L^2\to L^2$   $\langle P^tf,g\rangle=\langle f,U^tg\rangle$ 

#### STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

Can now formulate *continuous stochastic processes* generated by dynamical systems

- dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  with initial probability density (ensemble)  $f_0$
- density at time t is  $f_t = P^t f_0 \implies$  probability measure  $\mu_t(S) = \int_S f_t d\nu$
- ▶ at time t have probability space  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \mu_t)$   $\Longrightarrow$  observable map  $X : \omega_t \mapsto x_t$  now defines random variable  $X_t$
- ▶  $X_t$  distributed according via pushforward  $\mu_t^X(S_{\mathcal{X}}) = \mu_t(X^{-1}(S_{\mathcal{X}}))$  for  $S_{\mathcal{X}} \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{X}}$

$$\operatorname{pr}(X_t \in S_{\mathcal{X}}) = \int_{S_{\mathcal{X}}} d\mu_t^X = \int_{X^{-1}(S_{\mathcal{X}})} d\mu_t = \int_{X^{-1}(S_{\mathcal{X}})} f_t \, d\nu = \int_{X^{-1}(S_{\mathcal{X}})} P^t f_0 \, d\nu$$

Therefore, an initial density  $f_0$  on a dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  produces continuous stochastic process  $\{X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots\}$ 

random variables are actually  $X(t,\omega)$ ; for fixed  $\omega$  a sample path given by  $t\mapsto X(t,\omega)$ , here are (continuous) dynamical processes  $\{x_0,x_1,x_2,\dots\}$ 

## Connection to Symbolic Processes: Koopman

symbolic process:

$$\{\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots\} \to \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\} = \{G_{\mathbb{P}}(\omega_0), G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi(\omega_0)), G_{\mathbb{P}}(\Phi^2(\omega_0)), \dots\}$$

dynamical process:

$$\{\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \dots\} \to \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots\} = \{U^0 X(\omega_0), U^1 X(\omega_0), U^2 X(\omega_0), \dots\}$$

#### Logistic map:

Partition isomorphic to generating partition given by

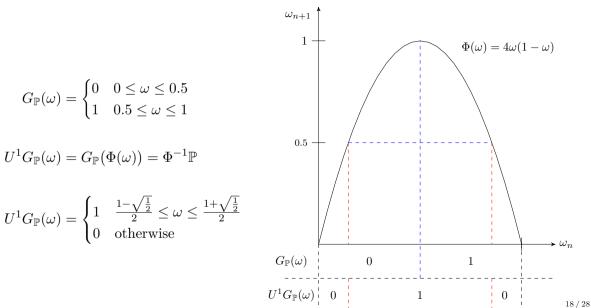
$$G_{\mathbb{P}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \le x \le 0.5\\ 1 & 0.5 \le x \le 1 \end{cases}$$

 $G_{\mathbb{P}}(x)$  generally given as sum of labeled indicator functions for partition elements  $\mathbb{P}_i$ :

$$G_{\mathbb{P}}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} i \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{P}_i}, \quad N = ||\mathbb{P}||$$

$$\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{P}_i} = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{P}_i \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{P}_i \end{cases}$$

# Connection to Symbolic Processes: Koopman



#### CONNECTION TO SYMBOLIC PROCESSES: PERRON-FROBENIUS

REFERENCE MEASURE VS INVARIANT MEASURE

if reference measure is invariant, constant density f=1 is stationary:  $P^t = 1$ 

for logistic map with Borel / Lebesgue reference measure:

$$P^1 1 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-\omega}}$$

⇒ Borel measure not invariant

invariant measure  $\mu^*$  found from solving  $P^1f^* = f^*$ :

$$\mu^*(S) = \int_S f^* d\omega = \int_S \frac{d\omega}{\pi \sqrt{\omega(1-\omega)}}$$

Ulam and von Neumann (1947)

## Connection to Symbolic Processes: Perron-Frobenius

REFERENCE MEASURE VS INVARIANT MEASURE

consider uniform density on  $\mathbb{P}_1$  ( $\Pr(a_0 = 1) = 1$ ) and its evolved density

$$f(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \le \omega \le 0.5 \\ 2 & 0.5 \le \omega \le 1 \end{cases} \qquad P^1 f(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-\omega}}$$

with Borel reference measure:

$$\Pr(a_1 = 1) = 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1+\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} d\omega = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} \frac{d\omega}{2\sqrt{1-\omega}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

with invariant reference measure:

$$\Pr(a_1 = 1) = 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1+\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} d\mu^* = 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1+\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \frac{d\omega}{\pi\sqrt{\omega(1-\omega)}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

#### **ERGODICITY**

Typical to consider measure-preserving dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  with  $\Phi \nu = \nu$ Assumes a stationary stochastic process:  $\operatorname{pr}(X_t \in S_{\mathcal{X}}) = \operatorname{pr}(X_0 \in S_{\mathcal{X}})$  for all t

This corresponds to dynamics on an *attractor*, but want to consider more general dynamics that include transient relaxation to the attractor

We do this using *ergodic components*, which correspond to *basins of attraction* (including the attractor itself)

A dynamical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  is *ergodic* if  $\nu(S) = 0$  or  $\nu(S) = 1$  for every *invariant set*  $S: \Phi^{-1}(S) = S$ 

 $\implies$  all invariant sets are trivial subsets of  $\Omega$  and we must study  $\Phi$  on the entire space  $\Omega$ 

\*\*\* Note ergodicity is independent of measure preservation—but they are often assumed together

#### ATTRACTORS AND BASINS

invariant set:  $\Phi^{-1}(S) = S$ forward-invariant set:  $\omega_0 \in S \implies \Phi^t(\omega_0) \in S$  for all t

an invariant set is necessarily forward-invariant, but converse not true

An attractor of  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  is a set  $A \in \Sigma_{\Omega}$  with

- $\triangleright$  A is a forward-invariant set of  $\Omega$  under  $\Phi$
- ▶ there exists an open set  $B \supset A$ , call the basin of attraction of A, s.t. for every  $\omega \in B$   $\lim_{t\to\infty} \Phi^t(\omega) \in A$ , and
- $\triangleright$  there is no proper subset of A with the first two properties

Attractors are not  $\Phi$ -invariant, but basins are  $\Phi$ -invariant

Can define basins as limit of pre-images of attractor:  $B = \lim_{t \to \infty} (\Phi^t)^{-1} A$ 

## ATTRACTOR BASINS AS ERGODIC COMPONENTS

Multi-stable dynamical systems with multiple attractors can be partitioned: each basin may be treated independently since, by definition, orbits never cross basin boundaries

Without loss of generality, will from here out consider systems that either:

- $\triangleright$  have one attractor with  $\Omega$  as basin
- ightharpoonup independently consider *ergodic components*: reduced systems with  $\Omega = B$

System  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  considered this way is thus *ergodic* 

Asymptotic behavior on the attractor:

- ergodicity guarantees  $P^t$  has unique invariant density  $f^*: P^t f^* = f^*$
- this defines asymptotic invariant measure  $\mu^*(S) = \int_S f^* d\nu$
- ▶ ergodic theorem: time averages equal phase space averages

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(\Phi^k(\omega)) = \frac{1}{\mu^*(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d\mu^*$$

#### THE PREDICTION PROBLEM

We set up a general prediction problem for dynamical processes as follows:

For a physical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  let the observable  $X : \Omega \to \mathcal{X}$  represent the collection of all possible measurements that can be made of the system.

Let  $Y: \Omega \to \mathcal{Y}$  represent "variables of interest"

- \* typically  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , but variables of interest may not be adequately measurable, in which case  $\mathcal{Y} \not\subseteq \mathcal{X}$
- \* variables in  $\mathcal X$  that are not in  $\mathcal Y$  are sometimes called exogeneous

From definitions / assumptions, the physical system  $(\Omega, \Sigma_{\Omega}, \nu, \Phi)$  generates the *true* dynamical processes (indices again correspond to observation time)

$$\{\dots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$
$$\{\dots, y_{-2}, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots\}$$

#### THE PREDICTION PROBLEM

Denote past random variable  $\overleftarrow{X} = \{\dots, X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_0\}$  with realizations  $\overleftarrow{x} = \{\dots, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0\}$  represent observed series of measurements up to present time  $t_0$  Similarly denote future random variable  $\overrightarrow{Y}_{\tau} = \{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots, y_{\tau}\}$  with realizations  $\overrightarrow{y}_{\tau} = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_{\tau}\}$  represent future values of variables of interest to lead time  $\tau$ 

deterministic prediction problem: find target function  $\mathcal{T}_{\tau}$  that maps  $\overleftarrow{x}$  to  $\overrightarrow{y}_{\tau}$ 

minimize 
$$||\mathcal{T}_{\tau} \circ \overleftarrow{x} - U^{\tau}Y||_{L^{2}(\nu)}$$

R. Alexander and D. Giannakis, Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena (2020)

probabilistic prediction problem: find conditional distribution  $\operatorname{pr}(\overrightarrow{Y}_{\tau}|\overleftarrow{X} = \overleftarrow{x})$ 

#### Predictive Models of Dynamical Processes

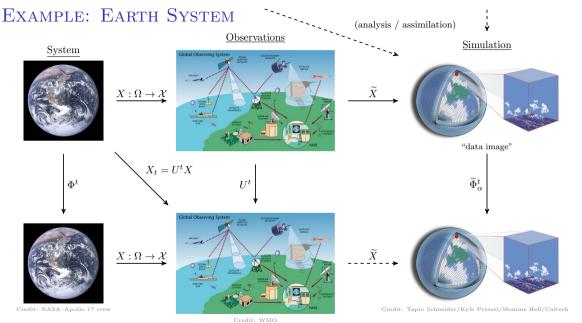
Model dichotomy:

myopic models—learn target functions for finite  $\tau$  (and finite-length pasts)

- ightharpoonup (N)ARIMA(X)
- ► Analogue forecasting
- ▶ Neural networks (e.g. LSTM, TCN, RC, etc.)

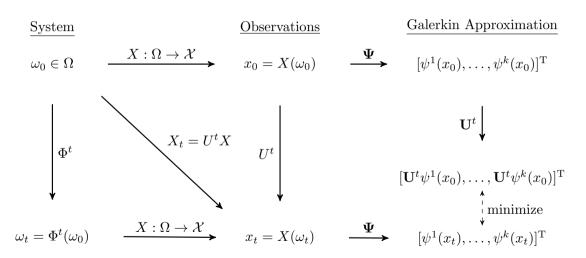
process models—generative models that approximate U (i.e.  $\lim \tau \to \infty$ )

- ightharpoonup approximate action of U with surrogate dynamical system  $\widetilde{\Phi}_{\alpha}: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{X}$
- $\triangleright$  numerical simulations with discretization X and approximation scheme  $\alpha$
- $\blacktriangleright$  complex physics simulations with analysis/assimilation  $\widetilde{X}$  from measurements X with parameterizations  $\alpha$
- ► reduced-order models (ROMS)
- ightharpoonup (generalized) Galerkin approximations of U



## GALERKIN APPROXIMATIONS

*EDMD*: project  $U^t$  onto finite subspace spanned by dictionary  $\Psi = [\psi^1, \dots, \psi^k]^T$ 



M. O. Williams, I. G. Kevrekidis, and C. W. Rowley (2015). Journal of Nonlinear Science S. Klus, P. Koltai, and C. Schütte (2016). Journal of Computational Dynamics